

Update from the Chief, MHSA Workforce Education and Training

The Training and Education staff and various stakeholders have been very busy since the last update posted on this web site in May of this year. We want to take this opportunity to share with you the progress that has been made on the following projects.

1. **Five-Year Plan.** The second draft of the Five-Year Plan is currently being drafted. The second draft incorporates the feedback received from various stakeholders. This draft will be available for comment at the General Stakeholders meetings that are to be held in Orange County and Sacramento County on September 25, 2006 and September 26, 2006. (Further details on the location and times of these meeting will be posted on the web site shortly.)
2. **Needs Assessment.** A contractor has been selected and has begun the task of synthesizing the available information on workforce needs from the County Community Services and Support Plans.
3. **Special Topic Workgroups.** The nine special topic workgroups have all had their first meetings. Additional meetings and teleconferences' have been scheduled to continue the work of developing, recommendations, funding strategies, white papers, pilot projects etc.